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AN ACT OF THE COMMONS Assembled In PARLIAMENT,

Eſtabliſhing the preſent Commiſsioners for the CUSTOMES.

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An Act of the *COMMONS* assembled in Parliament.

WHereas by Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament, of the sixteenth of December, One thousand six hundred forty seven, the payment of a Subsidie of Tonnage and Poundage

is ordained to be paid upon all Goods and Merchandize, to be exported out of, or imported into this Common-Wealth of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Barwick, in such sort as in the said Ordinance is expressed, the said payments to continue from the six and twentieth of March, One thousand six hundred forty eight inclusive, unto the six and twentieth day of March, which shall be in the yeare of our Lord, One thousand six hundred fifty one inclu-

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sive, As by the said Ordinance more at large appeareth; And whereas the Parliament have since, That is to say, upon the foure & twentieth of April now last past, nominated and appointed Edmund Harvy, Robert Titchborn, Marke Hildesley, Daniell Taylor, and Edward Parks of London Merchants, the present Commissioners and Collectors of the Customs; It is now enacted and declared, and be it by authority of Parliament enacted and declared, That the said Edmund

Harvy, Robert Titchburne, Marke Hildeſlye, Daniell Taylor, and Edward Parks, the preſent Commiſsioners and Collectors of the Cuſtomes, are and ſhall be Commiſsioners & Collectors thereof: And by this Act they the ſaid Edmund Harvy, Robert Titchburne, Marke Hildeſlye, Daniell Taylor, and Edward Parks, and their Deputy and Deputies by them to be authorized under their Hands and Seales, are inabled to collect and receive upon accompt all ſuch ſumme and ſummes

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of money, which from and after the one and twentieth day of Iuly, one thousand six hundred forty nine, shall by vertue of the said Ordinance, or any Act or Declaration of Parliament made sithence, be payable or paid for Customes, or Subsidies, or otherwise, for or in respect of Goods or Merchandizes exported out of, or imported into the Port of London, and all other Ports in the Commonwealth of England, Dominion of Wales, and Towne of Barwicke, in such sort as

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the duties of Tonnage and Poundage have been formerly collected by Samuell Avery Alderman of London, and other the late Commissioners of the Customes, & in such manner as by the said Ordinance, or other Acts, Declarations or Orders of Parliament, and Instructions as the said late Commissioners received, or that the said Edmund Harvy, Robert Titchborn, Marke Hildesly, Daniel Taylor, and Edward Parks, shall hereafter receive from Parliament, or the Committee of Parliament

ament appointed for the Navy and Customes, or shall be by them ordered or directed. And it is further enacted and ordained, That the said Edmund Harvy, Robert Titchborne, Marke Hildesly, Daniell Taylor, and Edward Parks, shall have the same power and authority, and to doe all act or acts, thing or things whatsoever that Samuell Avery, Christopher Packe, Richard Bateman, Charles Lloyd, and Walter Boothby, or any of them, or any Customer or Collector for the Port of London,

don, or any the Out-ports, by Law, by any Act or Ordinance of Parliament, or otherwise might lawfully doe. And it is further enacted and ordained, That the severall person and persons nominated and appointed since the three and twentieth of April now last past, or to be nominated and appointed by Parliament, or by the authority thereof to keep a Checque in the Port of London, or in any other Port, Harbor, or Creeke within this Common-Wealth, or to be Surveyor,

veyor, Searcher, or Waiter within the said Port of London, or in any other Port, Harbor or Creeke within this Common-wealth, shall respectively have the same power and authority; And to do all and every act or acts, thing or things whatsoever, that any former Comptroller, Surveyor, Searcher, or Waiter of the Port of London, or any other of the said Ports of this Common-wealth, by Law, by any Act or Ordinance of Parliament, or otherwise might have law-

lawfully done. And it is further enacted and declared, That all Mayors, Sheriffes, Justices of Peace, Constables and other Officers, All Admirals, Vice-admirals, Captaines and Commanders, or other Officers of Ships; All Officers of the Admiralty, All Colonels, Captaines, and other Officers and Souldiers of the Army, and of the Trained Bands of the Common-Wealth, and other persons whatsoever, be aiding and assisting to the said Commissioners, their

their Deputies and Officers abovesaid, in collecting, securing and receiving the said Customes and Duties as abovesaid, and in suppressing all Tumults, Ryots, and other force that is or shall be had, or made against them, and every or any of them, in the execution of this present act, and all other persons in their aid and assistance. And it is further enacted and ordained, That from henceforth no Officer or Officers of the Customes, shall take or receive from the Mer-

Merchant, or any other person any monyes by way of Fee or gratuity for any Certificate, Bill or Cocquet, or any other thing Whatsoever. And in case they or any of them shall receive any Fee or gratuity, contrary to this act, upon proof therof they shall forfeit their places. And it is further provided and enacted, That the said Edmund Harvy & the rest of the said Commissioners shall and may be removable from the said Imployment, as the Parliament shall thinke fit and order.

Hen. Scobell, Cler. Parliament.

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